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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
H. Michael Wenz) Group Art Unit: 1637
Serial No.: 09/724,755) Examiner: J. Fredman
Filed: November 28, 2000)
For: METHODS FOR DETECTING)
TARGET NUCLEIC ACIDS)
USING COUPLED LIGATION)
AND AMPLIFICATION)

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RESPONSE

Applicant responds to the Final Office Action mailed April 22, 2002. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections.

REMARKS

Status Of Claims

Claims 52 to 86 and 115 to 129 are presently under consideration.

Rejection In View of Barany PCT

The Examiner rejected claims 52 to 64, 69 to 80, 85, 86, and 115 to 117 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by WO 97/31256 (Barany PCT). See Action at page 2. The Examiner cites various text of Barany PCT as allegedly showing